

You may want to dig your hole at home before you go to get the transplant so it can be planted as soon as possible. Try to get the root ball as wide as the width of the tree/shrub branches and as deep as possible. Water well to encourage root establishment.

Additional Activities Available: Each calendar year, and with the exception of any species that may be threatened, endangered, sensitive, or a species of local concern, an individual (adult over 18) may engage in removing the following without charge, and without permit:

Pick flowers

Gather no more than ¼ ounce of seed (flower, grass, shrub)

Gather less than 2 bushels of cones, with or without seed

Cut no more than 10 willow cuttings

Remove a maximum of 10, in any combination: conifer or aspen trees or shrubs 6" or under in height, (**Limber Pine**

may not be removed)

Remove three gallons of loosely packed mushrooms.

Additional information regarding this Forest Product program, our firewood program, post/pole/tipi pole program, or other matters such as the current fire danger, can be obtained at the offices listed on the front of this guide.

Disclaimer: If conflicts arise between information provided here and the permit conditions, established laws, polices, regulations, orders, or programs, the permit conditions, established laws, polices, regulations, orders, or programs prevail.

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BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST TREE/SHRUB TRANSPLANT GUIDE 2012



Transplant permits are available at the following offices:

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| Powder River District Office 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, Wyoming 82834 8 a.m to 4:30 p.m. 307-684-7806 | Medicine Wheel-Paintrock District Office 604 E. Main Lovell, WY 82431 307-548-6541 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| USDA – Greybull Service Center 408 Greybull Avenue Greybull, Wyoming 82426 307-745-2663 8a.m. to 4:30 p.m. NO MAIL IN PERMITS AVAILABLE! | Tongue District & Forest Supervisor's Office 2013 Eastside 2nd Street Sheridan, WY 82801 307-674-2600 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| Mail-in Forms can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/bighorn/home <u>Passes & Permits</u> <u>Forest Products</u> Completed forms must be mailed to one of the District Offices at the address above. | |

Federal offices are open Monday through Friday, and closed on weekends and Federal Holidays.





General Information: The Forest Service requires a permit to dig most tree or shrub transplants (see back page for exemptions). The permits are available at all Forest Service offices or by sending in forms available online, and the cost is \$5.00 per tree/shrub. A minimum purchase of four (4) is required, and a maximum of five (5) is allowed per person, per transplant season. Permits are generally first available by Memorial Day in May, and expire December 31.

These permits are for personal use only; no commercial use permits will be sold. One tag is required per tree/shrub. Specification of the species and the number of each is required in order to obtain a transplant permit.

Permit sales are final and not subject to refund or extension of time. Permits and tags are nontransferable unless a Bighorn National Forest Optional Form 0202-2460-1a is filled out and attached to the permit. Permits may be purchased in person, or by filling out the online forms and mailing to one of our offices. These permits are good **ONLY** for transplants taken from the Bighorn National Forest, not any other Federal, State, County, or private lands.

Please be sure to read all terms and conditions of your permit before signing it. Your signature on that permit indicates you understand those terms and conditions, and agree to abide by them.

A permit must be in your possession while digging and the fluorescent green tag must be attached to the tree/shrub before removing it from the ground. The MAXIMUM transplant height (less root ball) is six (6) feet for Conifer-Evergreen trees, ten (10)

feet for Aspen and Hardwood trees, and three (3) feet for shrubs.

Removal of transplants is prohibited: by use of any mechanical/mechanized means; anywhere within the Cloud Peak Wilderness; within active timber sales, research natural areas, administrative sites - including permitted cabins, campgrounds, picnic grounds, recreation sites, or resorts; within 100 feet of a live stream, within site distance from State or Federal Highways, within site distance of ponds/lakes, and within other specific areas signed as being closed to removing transplants. You are welcome to remove trees next to Forest Roads. These trees become hazard trees in the future.

Species: There are several conifer species on the Bighorn National Forest. The most common are Lodgepole Pine, Englemann Spruce, Subalpine Fir, Ponderosa Pine, and Douglas Fir. Limber Pine MAY NOT be removed from the Bighorn National Forest Lands. A description of Limber Pine is: 30-50 feet high, trunk diameter of 15-24", dark green needles approximately 2 ½ long – clustered in groups of 5 near branch ends. Cones are 3-10" long, cylinder shaped, with thickened scales & large seeds. Deciduous species include Quaking Aspen, Balsam Poplar, and Cottonwood. There are many varieties of deciduous shrubs.

A Few Tips For Transplanting Your Tree or Shrub: Early spring and late fall are the best times for transplanting a deciduous tree/shrub. Attempt to get the tree/shrub while it is dormant; i.e. buds have not expanded to leaves yet, or leaves have dropped in the fall. For all trees/shrubs: Take a tarp with you to keep roots from drying out as you transport your tree/shrub.

